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CALIFORNIA UPDATES MASK GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO RISING COVID-19 CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS



The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated its <u>Guidance for Face Coverings</u> in response to new <u>CDC guidance</u> recommending mask use for public indoor settings to slow the spread of COVID-19 and the Delta variant.

Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals and recommended for fully vaccinated individuals in indoor public settings and businesses such as retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, and meetings. It is important to wear a mask if you are around someone that is high-risk, with unvaccinated children, or with people whose vaccination status is unknown, especially indoors.

Read more here from the Orange County Health Care Agency.

If you're visiting any city facility, including City Hall, the police department, or community services, a mask is required. Masks are available if you do not have one.

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The COVID-19 vaccine is available to everyone ages 12 and older.

See details for minors.



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Questions about COVID-19 or the COVID-19 vaccine?

Call (714) 834-2000

The OC Health Care Agency Hotline offers automated responses to FAOs 24/7 and live, trained operators from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.





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- Executive Assistant
- Community Engagement Coordinator



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BUSINESS RESOURCES





Check out our <u>"Local Business Resources"</u> page for information and resources available through local agencies and non-profit organizations!

BUDGET UPDATE: *JULY 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021*

2020-2021 Review

This report contains information on resources through the 3rd quarter of FY 2020-21, which is the period between July 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

Top Revenues

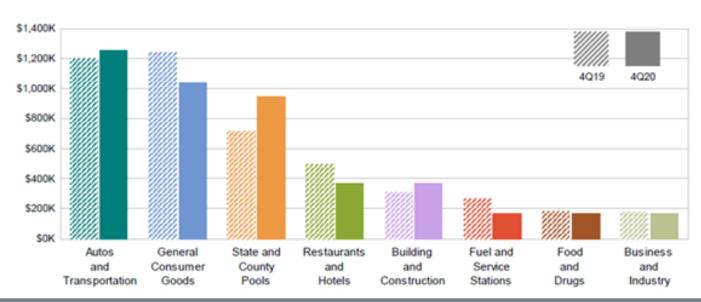
The top revenue sources for the City's General Fund are sales tax, transaction use tax, property tax, utility users tax and charges for service which combined make up 89% of total General Fund revenue. Current projections for FY 2020-21 are in line with budgeted numbers with the exception of sales tax/transaction use tax which is projected to be higher than budgeted. FY 2020-21 revenues were originally budgeted at \$60.2 million with a current revised budget of \$61.7 million adjusted to include already received COVID Cares funding of \$1.5 million. Through the 3rd quarter, we have received \$39.8 million in revenue in the General Fund or 64.5% as of March 31, 2021.

Sales Tax/Transaction Use Tax

The following charts, from the City's sales tax consultant HdL, represent 4th quarter calendar year sales, July 2020 through December 2020. Year-over-year comparison show Westminster's receipts down 2.3% from the fourth quarter sales in the prior period. The major drops are due to the impacts of COVID-19. Consumer spending increased as more retail stores re-opened, but revenues are still below pre-pandemic levels and consumers continue to prefer online shopping. As you can see in the first chart, there is a large increase in the State and County pools which are online sales. The second chart shows the category changes for the transaction use tax. As you can see in the second chart, there is no category for pools because the transaction use tax generated from online sales is allocated directly to the City. Westminster's share of the taxes generated from online purchases of our residents stay within the City.

Sales and Use Tax

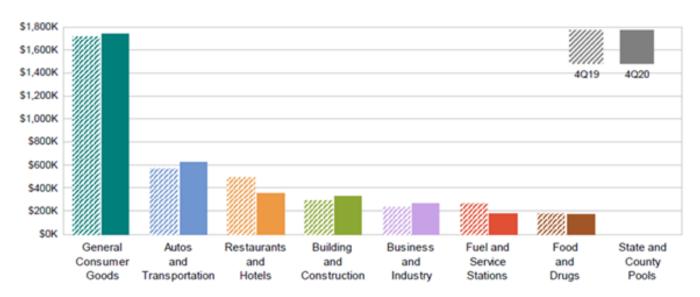
4Q19 Compared To 4Q20



BUDGET UPDATE: JULY 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021 (CONT'D)

Transaction Use Tax (Measure SS)

4Q19 Compared To 4Q20



Sales tax and transaction use tax receipts are remitted to the City in arrears so the quarter totals shown in the table below represent seven months of receipts from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA). Projections from the City's sales tax consultant, HdL, anticipate FY 2020-21 receipts to be slightly above the actuals received for FY 2019-20. This is a still an estimate as we have only received the 7 months of receipts for FY 2020-21, however, the increase would be \$2.3 million higher than budgeted. We will continue to actively track this important revenue source.

		YTD Q3		Prior Years	Increase/
	Budget	Actual	% of	Q3 Actual	(Decrease)
	2020-21	2020-21	Budget	2019-20	from PY
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 15,133,600	\$ 9,944,616	65.7%	\$10,080,046	\$ (135,430)
Transaction Use Tax	 11,883,000	8,159,367	68.7%	8,177,090	(17,723)
	\$ 27,016,600	\$ 18,103,983	67.0%	\$18,257,136	\$ (153,153)

Property Tax

Property tax revenue is trending slightly higher than the prior fiscal year. This estimate is pretty close to actual as most of the revenue from property tax receipts come in December and April.

		YTD Q3		Prior Years	Increase/
	Budget	Actual	% of	Q3 Actual	(Decrease)
	2020-21	2020-21	Budget	2019-20	from PY
Property Tax	\$ 17,624,000	\$ 9,261,321	52.5%	\$ 8,750,040	\$ 511,281

BUDGET UPDATE: *JULY 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021 (CONT'D)*

Utility Users Tax

Utility user's tax is slightly more than the prior year but in line with the budget.

		YTD Q3		Prior Years	Increase/
	Budget	Actual	% of	Q3 Actual	(Decrease)
	2020-21	2020-21	Budget	2019-20	from PY
Utility Users Tax	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 2,989,622	71.2%	\$ 2,940,503	\$ 49,119

Charges for Service

Charges for service are looking positive for FY 2020-21. This is partly due to the Cost Recovery Study adopted in FY 2019-20 and the development activity within the City. Receipts to date are lower than the same time last year however, overall projections to year end are favorable.

		YTD Q3	% of	Prior Years	Increase/
	Budget	Actual	2020-21	Q3 Actual	(Decrease)
	2020-21	2020-21	Budget	2019-20	from PY
Charges for Service	\$ 4,495,061	\$ 3,810,783	84.8%	\$ 4,090,093	\$ (279,309)

Expenditures

General Fund expenditures are tracking on budget. Expenditures for the 3rd quarter of FY 2020-21 are \$482 thousand over the prior fiscal year at the same time. This is due to the increase in PERS costs and OCFA contract costs.

		YTD Q3	% of	Prior Years	Increase/
	Budget	Actual	2020-21	Q3 Actual	(Decrease)
	 2020-21	2020-21	Budget	2019-20	from PY
Expenditures	\$ 64,507,329	\$49,763,179	77.1%	\$49,281,500	\$ 481,678

At this time, revenue and expenditures are tracking within budget so no budget adjustment is necessary. The next update will be provided after nine months of revenue and expenditures, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Erin Backs, Interim Finance Director at ebacks@westminster-ca.gov or (714) 548-3185.

Virtual Meetings (1)



In an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, in lieu of attending the meeting, members of the public may view the meeting live in one of the following ways:

- City of Westminster YouTube Channel
- **City of Westminster Streaming Video Online**
- Westminster WTV: Spectrum Channel 3, Frontier FiOS Channel 42, and AT&T UVerse Channel 99



To view the meeting via zoom, submit e-comments to address the city council, or submit a speaker request, visit www.westminster-ca.gov/virtual-meetings.

Council Meeting Schedule

0-0-0-0-0-0 AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

*Meetings are still being conducted virtually via teleconference/web conference. Click here to view agendas.



RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

Eviction Moratorium EXTENDED

On June 28, 2021 the Governor signed legislation to extend the eviction moratorium and assist tenants and small property owners impacted by COVID-19.

If you are unable to pay your rent due to a coronavirus-related hardship between September 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021, you must also pay at least 25 percent of the rent due to avoid eviction.

Tenants are still responsible for paying unpaid amounts to property owners. Beginning November 1, 2021, landlords can take tenants to small claims court to recover unpaid rent debt. **Read more here.**





Affordable Housing

Looking for an affordable rental unit in Westminster? Click below for a list of affordable rental opportunities. All properties are privately managed. To inquire about availability, rental rates and income qualifications, please contact the respective property management team.

City of Westminster - List of Affordable Housing

For additional affordable housing opportunities throughout Orange County, the County of Orange maintains a list of affordable units which can be found at **ochousing.org**.

Fair Housing

If you want to learn more about fair housing laws, the <u>Fair Housing</u> <u>Foundation</u> provides education to tenants, landlords, property owners, realtors and property management companies. The Fair Housing Foundation provides services to cities throughout Orange County, including Westminster.

<u>Sign-up</u> for virtual workshops to learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or landlord.

For assistance, call Fair Housing Foundation at (800) 446-3247, or email at info@fhfca.org.





Do you need help with rent or utilities?

You may be eligible for the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program.

Get 100% of your rent and utilities paid!

Financial assistance is available from the State of California for income eligible renters and their landlords who have been impacted by COVID-19 and have past due rent or utilities, or who need help with upcoming rent or utilities.

Both renters and landlords are encouraged to apply.

Assistance is available for unpaid rent dating back to April 1, 2020, as well as for future rent.

Assistance is also available for unpaid utility payments dating back to April 1, 2020, or for future utility payments, which will both be compensated at 100% of cost, limited to a total of 12 months, and paid directly to the utility provider.

Assistance from the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program does not count as earned income and will not affect eligibility for any other state benefit assistance programs.

All applicant information is kept private and will not be shared.

Income eligible applicants may qualify regardless of immigration status and will not be required to show proof of citizenship.



How do I apply?

To check eligibility and apply, visit HousingIsKey.com or call 833-430-2122.

For in-language assistance, to get help with eligibility requirements or filling out an application, schedule an appointment with a local organization near you by calling 833-687-0967.

The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program is an official State of California sponsored program.







City of Westminster 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

The City of Westminster is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element. Watch these videos below to learn more about what a housing element is!





Why is the City updating its Housing Element?

Each city and county in California is required to have a Housing Element and update it at least every eight years. Updating the Housing Element gives the City a clear picture of housing-related issues such as: housing supply and demand, types of housing available within the City, housing affordability, and homelessness. Once the Housing Element is updated, it must be approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Updating our Housing Element will ensure that we meet State requirements, and make Westminster eligible for State grants and other funding sources. It will also give our elected and appointed officials clear guidance on housing issues facing Westminster. Click here for more information about our Housing Element Update.

New ADU Process

For projects that only involve an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) and/or junior accessory dwelling unit (JADU), you may proceed through our combined Planning Division Zoning Clearance and Building Division Permit Plan Check. The steps are design, screen, structural details and engineering, review, and construction, and are summarized here.

For projects involving an ADU/JADU proposed in conjunction with a minor room addition/remodel to a single-family residence, click here to access the application form for the combined Planning Division Zoning Clearance and Building Division Permit Plan Check process.

For all other projects involving an ADU proposed in conjunction with other construction, the combined Planning Division Zoning Clearance and Building Division Permit Plan Check process will not apply. <u>Click here</u> to access the application forms for Zoning Clearance and Development Review.

Click here for more information about Accessory Dwelling Units.



Hours of Operation

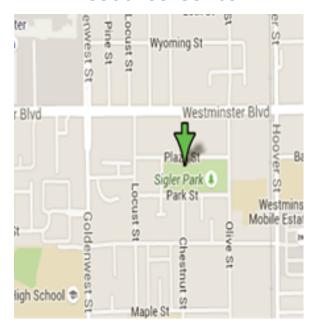
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m

(714) 903-1331

The Westminster Family Resource Center (WFRC) serves low-income families residing in the City of Westminster and surrounding cities in Orange County. The WFRC has become the centralized information and referral point for the community. With the assistance of bilingual staff and various partners, individuals can create linkages with necessary resources such as food trolleys, counseling services, enrichment programs, and other services to help strengthen their families. Click here for more information regarding programs and services.

Westminster Family Resource Center



Located at Sigler Park 7200 Plaza St. Westminster, CA 92683

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THE OC ONE-STOP MOBILE UNIT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WESTMINSTER FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 10 AM to 4 PM

7200 Plaza Street, Westminster, CA 92683

*Services are available via appointment only. Walk-up services are not available.





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Virtual Recreation Center

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Check back Weekly for themed activities!



SIGLER PARK **SPLASH** PAD

7200 PLAZA ST.

HOURS OF OPERATION

12:30-2:30 P.M. & 3-5 P.M.

DAILY: JUNE 21 - SEPTEMBER 6

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

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DEMILLE ELEMENTARY

15400 VAN BUREN STREET, MIDWAY CITY, CA 92655 TUESDAYS, 9AM-4PM

WILLMORE ELEMENTARY

7122 MAPLE STREET, WESTMINSTER, CA 92683 FRIDAYS, 9AM-4PM FRYBERGER ELEMENTARY

6952 HOOD DRIVE, WESTMINSTER, CA 92683 WEDNESDAYS, 9AM-4PM

WESTMINSTER LIBRARY (LAWN ON 13TH STREET)

8180 13TH STREET, WESTMINSTER, CA 92683 SATURDAYS, 9AM-NOON SCHMITT ELEMENTARY

7200 TRASK AVENUE, WESTMINSTER, CA 92683 THURSDAYS, 9AM-4PM

FREE WIFI!







Westminster Library is closed until further notice for remodeling.

Holds may be picked up at Garden Grove Main Library (11200 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840)



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SIGLER PARK (7200 WESTMINSTER BLVD.)
AUGUST 3 AND AUGUST 10:
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT

Dedicated to Beautifying the City of Westminster

Community Preservation Unit

Complaint = Clean-up



Before

After



A friendly reminder from THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT (CPU)

A complaint = a clean-up! If you see discarded items, let the Community Preservation Unit know.

Call 714-548-3476 or download the My Westminster mobile app for quick and easy reporting!

No-Cost Mattress Recycling



We do not accept:

Excessively wet, damaged, twisted, frozen or soiled mattresses or box springs

Items infested with bed bugs

Fold-out sofa beds, futon frames/bases, mattress pads/toppers

Water beds, air mattresses, car beds

Infant & child products, infant carriers, lounge pads or crib bumpers

Sleeping bags, pillows

Other furniture or sleep products

How do I get rid of my old mattress?

Residents can drop off mattress, box springs, and futon mattresses separated from the base or frame for no-cost recycling.

Midway City Sanitary District 14451 Cedarwood Ave. Westminster, CA 92683 Monday - Friday 8am-4pm



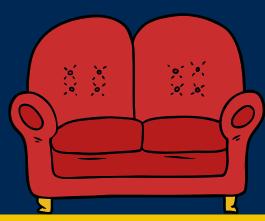


For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 or visit www.midwaycitysanitarydistrict.com/bulky-item-service.

Schedule a Bulky Item Pickup!

The District provides a monthly bulky item service for the disposal of some appliances and furniture, and will collect two such items from each household approximately every thirty days. For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 at least one week in advance.

Normal items that the District will pick up are: furniture, appliances, patio furniture, large plastic toys, lawn care equipment, television sets, computer monitors, and water heaters. The District does **NOT** pickup: carpet, rugs, glass, mirrors, construction materials, wood, fencing, doors, pallets, and exercise equipment. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR ITEMS ON THE CURB UNTIL SCHEDULED FOR PICKUP.**



PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

BEACH SAFETY



A day at the beach can be fun. However, swimming in the water can be dangerous if you don't know how to keep yourself from drowning. Learn how to reduce the risks of drowning by following these beach safety tips!



Approximately
50-75% of
drownings happen
in open waters
such as the ocean,
lakes, rivers, and
ponds.



Orange County Fire Authority

ocfa.org (714) 573-6200







Beach Safety Tips

- Ask the lifeguard about rip currents and other hazards. If in doubt, don't go out.
- Obey the posted warnings signs and flags.
- Check the weather, water and surfing conditions.
- If someone is in trouble, get help from a lifeguard or call 9-1-1.

Swimming in the Ocean

- Keep small children and inexperienced swimmers within reach.
- Learn to swim before venturing out into the ocean.
- Use boogie boards and surfboards with leashes and only use them in designated areas.
- Choose to swim near a lifeguard and never swim alone.

Break the Grip of the RIP

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from the shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmers out to sea.



How to Survive a Rip Current

- Remain calm and don't fight the current. Swim to the side to get out of the current.
- If you can't escape, tread water or float.
- If you need help, call or wave for assistance.





Westminster Police Department

6:00-8:30PM | Tuesday, August 3, 2021 Virtual Event

National Night Out will consist of a Westminster
Police Department Tour, a Q&A, and a meet & greet
with various department personnel.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes partnerships between the police and the community to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

National Night Out is intended to bring back a true sense of community under positive circumstances.

We look forward to seeing you virtually!

- @westminsterpdca
- @WestminsterPDCA
- @westminsterpdca
- in Westminster Police Department, CA

For questions: Contact Commander Kevin MacCormick at kmaccormick@westminster-ca.gov.





Even if the AC is on, car engines fail, and animals can accidentally touch different switches and buttons inside the car.

NEVER LEAVE YOUR CHILD IN A CAR, NO MATTER WHAT THE WEATHER IS.

A child's body heats up 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's.



HAVE A FOOD SAFE SUM

While the warmer weather conditions may be ideal for outdoor picnics and barbecues, the summer months typically see a spike in reports of foodborne illness. Make sure your fun in the sun doesn't get cut short by following some simple summer entertaining tips:

Approximate number of Americans stricken with food poisoning each year

Estimated annual hospitalizations from foodborne illnesses Did You Know?

U.S. beef sales are highest during the week of July 4th, when Americans are expected to buy about \$400 MILLION WORTH OF IT—25% MORETHAN AN AVERAGE WEEK (according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association).

Basic Tips



CLEAN SURFACES, **UTENSILS AND** HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER. If you're at a picnic, bring moist towelettes to usel



Wash all produce under plain running water before eating, cutting or cooking, even if you plan to peel them!





SEPARATE PLATES AND UTENSILS. When grilling, use separate plates and utensils for raw and cooked meat and poultry and ready-to-eat foods (like raw vegetables)



USE A FOOD THERMOMETER.

Burgers:



Just because you burger is brown, not pink, doesn't mean it's





CHILL RAW AND PREPARED FOODS
PROMPTLY if not consuming after cooking.



Don't leave food at longer than two hours (or 1 hour if it's above 90°F). If planning a picnic, perishable food should be kept in an insulated cooler packs.

What Are You Making?

Here are some food safety tips for preparing a few signature summer dishes.

BARBECUE

recommended interna temperatures

Burgers: 160°F

Chicken and Turkey: 165°F.



Rinse all produce before peeling or chopping.



Chop all produce with clean knives on cutting boards not used with raw meat to avoid cross-contamination.

DEVILED EGGS

to be served and once out, keep them nestled



Sausage: 160°F

Steaks: 145°F with a 3-minute

ADDITIONAL CDC









For more summer food safety tips, go to FoodSafety.gov

Did you know...

City Hall, Community Services, and the Westminster Police Department lobby are open Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. for walkins (7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. for WPD).

Appointments are still encouraged. Click here to schedule an appointment.

There will be no street sweeping on August 30 and August 31.

You can now apply, renew, or pay for your business license online through HdL Companies. For more information, visit: https://westminster.hdlgov.com or call (657) 622-0222.

Be a Westminster Water Warrior and help conserve water!



Making small changes outdoors can result in big water savings. Click here for more information.

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Westminster Corporation Yard 14381 Olive St. Westminster, CA 92683

(714) 894-3796

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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